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Nap Time

Find out how to best catch some much-needed Z's

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Wireless Internet coverage expanded on campus

LAURA GREVAS *NEWS EDITOR*

The Student Center and Clinton and the Complex lounges should be fully wireless after Easter break, Gary Wipperman, director of information technology, said.

The increased wireless access points are a joint effort between Student Senate, which allotted $5,000, and ITS, which covered the cost of parts and cables needed to hook up the wireless access points, said Senator Jodi Kempel.

Kempel said Senate chose to fund the wireless because of the benefits for campus as a whole and its appeal to prospective students.

"We chose the locations we did because they are widely used on campus, and most of them are centralized," Kempel said.

Wipperman said the wireless in the Student Center is already available, but ITS has run into some problems equipping the older dorms.

ITS has also struggled to walk the line between making the wireless network too secure and too open. In the past, Wipperman said, students have needed to download certificates to gain entry to the old access points.

"It's a continuum between convenience and security. We're trying to find something in between," he said.

They are now considering a system that would require students to use a login to determine whether they were authorized to use campus-specific sites, such as INET.

Kempel said it's unlikely that Wartburg will ever be a completely wireless campus, however.

"It would cost too much to get the number of access points that would be needed for the building since the walls are cement," she said.

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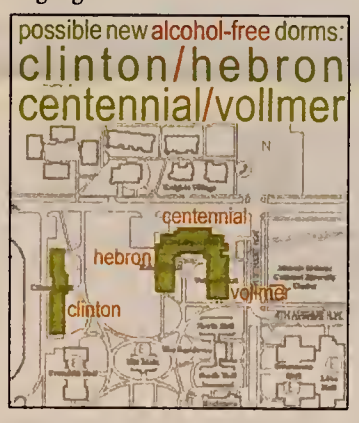
Freshman dorms could become alcohol-free

Clinton, the Complex being considered

SCOTT POST *STAFF WRITER*

Clinton and Centennial Complex may be designated as alcohol-free buildings in the near future.

There is currently no definite timetable for the possible change, Pete Armstrong, director of residential life, said, "Next year is possible." he said. "We've been trying to gauge student reaction."



Armstrong added, "The vast majority of students living there are underage, so they should be alcohol-free buildings anyway."

Currently, there are several floors of Clinton and the Complex designated as substance-free floors.

In addition, Ernst Manor is substance-free and would remain so if the proposed policy went into effect. The Student Relations Committee of Student Senate has reviewed the proposal and offered other solutions, such as making only one of the two buildings alcohol-free.

The residential life department generated the plan in an attempt to combat a common problem: Underage drinkers claiming that the alcohol in question belongs to another student, or that they had just arrived and had not been drinking. Armstrong said alcohol issues will be more black and white under the proposed policy.

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89.1 hours of energy

Peter Watters performs with band Suddenly Lethargic as part of KWAR's marathon warp-up Saturday.

Housing rejection disappoints applicants

ALAN SIMMER *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

Many students faced disappointment after the announcement of the housing decisions for Lohe and the Res.

Fewer than two-thirds of applicants were accepted, said Allison Juhl, the adviser to the Lohe selection committee.

"We were very pleased with the number of proposals that were submitted, but that makes the process more competitive," Juhl said. "Unfortunately, we don't have space for everyone."

Proposals are looked at by a committee made up of faculty, staff and students. Applications to Lohe are expected to detail the learning roommates will do either from or with each other during the year, while those looking to live in the Res should demonstrate a strong commitment to service.

Some of the advisers of the group proposals felt that there was a bias against them during the selection process, but Pete Armstrong, director of residential life, said that is not the case.

"Only 64 percent of the submitted proposals were selected," he said. "None of the decisions concerning proposals were made lightly."

"We really don't look at the students or the adviser," Juhl said. "It's really how complete and well-written the proposal is that determines who gets in."

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Candidates for VP of student life announced

AARON HAGEN *ASSOCIATE EDITOR*

Final candidates for the vice president for student life position have been or will be visiting campus.

Tim Wise, associate vice president for operations and student development services and dean of students at Florida A&M, visited Wartburg Thursday.

Deborah Loers, dean of student development at Willamette University, will be on campus Wednesday, while Terry Lindsay, dean of student development and associate professor of Harper College, will be on campus Thursday.

Visit plans for William Stackman, the dean of student affairs at Rhodes College, will be announced.

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Turn it Up

Modest Mouse and Test Your Reflex reviewed

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See the Trumpet's online edition for coverage of today's press conference with Congressman Braley.

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Local Briefs

Trumpet published again during May

The Trumpet will return with a new issue during May Term. Laura Grevas and Whitney Free, 2007-2008 editors, will direct the edition.

Online parking registration begins

Parking registration for the 2007-2008 academic year begins Today online. Lots are assigned by seniority and will be chosen only from online registrations. Students who wish to park in lots other than D Lot should register before July 20. Parking prices range from $70 to $120. Questions may be directed to campus security.

Service trip applications due

Applications for the 2007-08 Service Tripe Executive Board are due by 3 p.m. Wednesday. Online applications are found at www.wartburg.edu/servicetrips under the forms menu and should be e-mailed to servicetrips@wartburg.edu.

Athletic physicals available at low cost

Student athlete physicals will be available from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, in the Student Center. Athletes are encouraged to take advantage of the discounted price of $25, which can be charged to student accounts or paid by cash or check.

Manna collecting for local food bank

Manna is hosting a food drive to collect nonperishable items for the local food bank. Food barrels can be found in dorms and the Student Center. Donations of ramen noodles, canned goods and other items are greatly appreciated.

Free graduate practice tests offered

Free graduate practice tests will be available to students preparing for the MCAT, LSAT, GMAT, DAT or GRE exams. Students will receive a detailed score analysis and exclusive strategies for test preparation. Tests begin at 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, at the University of South Dakota–Vermillion. To register, call 1-800-KAP-TEST or visit www.kaptest.com/enroll.

Bouzard recognized for anniversary

Chip Bouzard was recognized at Monday's chapel service for the 25th anniversary of his ordination. Notes of congratulations may be sent to chip.bouzard@wartburg.edu.

Tour week service trip blinded by mystery

CHELSEA DELONG *STAFF WRITER*

Five service trips will be offered during tour week. Three will go to the Gulf Coast, one to Lauren, Ill., and one to an undisclosed location.

This year's theme is a spin-off of MTV's "Road Rules" and is called "Service Hunters."

Students going to the Gulf Coast will be rebuilding homes ruined by Hurricane Katrina. Participants going to Illinois will be helping with farm maintenance.

Renee Sedlacek, community service associate for the Center for Community Engagement, said the trips offer opportunities to students who could not participate during fall or winter breaks. She especially hopes freshmen and athletes will sign up as schedules slow down.

Sedlacek said tour week trips have changed since last year, when there was only one available. She said this year's trips are the result of momentum from winter break participants. "[The students] wanted to continue their experience," she said.

> *'They don't need to know everything...'*

New this year is the "blind trip." The destination and details will not be revealed until students have signed up. Sedlacek said this trip was designed to emphasize willingness to serve, not location. "We want people engaging because they're interested in service," she said.

Jessi Carver, a junior, is leading the blind trip and related it to her faith in God." I hope people will be self-sacrificing in that they don't need to know everything, that they're willing to trust someone else," she said.

She also said the mystery of the trip will create a sense of adventure. She also said participants can expect to work outside on a ranch.

The deadline for service trips was last Friday, but Sedlacek said students can still participate if they speak with her.

There is a $100 fee for participating in a service trip. Scholarships are available.

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Date auction raises funds for Africa

SARAH MOON *STAFF WRITER*

A date auction and dance to support two students' trips to Africa will be held at 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, in the Ballrooms. Proceeds will go toward Amanda Lundberg's trip to Tanzania to videotape a documentary and Emily Stetzel's trip to Kenya to build a classroom and desks. Stetzel will also be working at an orphanage. She will be going with other members of her church, Prairie Lakes in Cedar Falls.

Lundberg said she and Stetzel decided to have the date auction because they thought it would be fun for their friends at Wartburg and the University of Northern Iowa. The auction is free, but dance admission is $5. Eight men and seven women will be auctioned. Stetzel said she and Lundberg will split the profits.

Lundberg's documentary will feature an organization called Global Partners for Development, which she learned about on the Internet. The location was especially appealing to Lundberg.

"I've always had a passion for Africa," she said.

Lundberg said the mission of Global Partners is to work to end poverty.

"The organization encompasses a lot of my passions: development of clean water sources, women's economic self-reliance, child nutrition, medical and health care and primary and vocal education," Lundberg said.

Stetzel decided to go to Kenya because she said she felt called to serve.

Stetzel hopes to become a physical therapist and wants to work in a third world country.

"Through physical therapy, I plan on sharing my heart with them about the Gospel, learning from each other in love as brothers and sisters in Christ," Stetzel said.

Stetzel leaves at the end of June, and Lundberg leaves July 15.

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Passionate performance

Matthew Ollendick performs in "Godspell" Saturday.

Wind Ensemble to tour and sing in Japan

Participants face challenges with homestays, but remain dedicated to Japanese experience

MARI VOELKER *STAFF WRITER*

More than 50 students from Wartburg's Wind Ensemble will visit Japan for their spring concert tour this May.

The tour begins May 5 and will last about 20 days. This will be the first time any musical group at Wartburg has had a concert tour in Asia.

"It's a significant stretch for all of us," Craig Hancock, director of the Wind Ensemble, said.

Hancock said that this trip will be a cultural experience for the students, an experience different from one students might get in Europe.

"The tradition with several of the Wartburg traveling groups has been to go to Europe," he said. "We have an opportunity here with Japan to go to a culture that is not in any way, shape and form like ours," Hancock said.

The ensemble will visit some of Japan's major cities, such as Tokyo, Osaka and Hiroshima. A rough itinerary of the tour includes sightseeing, meeting host families, visiting schools and the presentation of about 10 concerts.

Meghan Smith, who plays the clarinet in the ensemble, is excited about the tour and the music they will be playing. She looks forward to learning about Japanese culture.

"I'm starting to get really excited to be in a different culture and share our music that we've been working on this whole semester," Smith said. "We've been talking about Japan a lot. On Wednesdays, instead of practicing, we learn about Japan."

As the members of the ensemble have been learning the music during the last few months, they have also become educated concerning Japanese language, history and culture.

"We're learning a little bit of Japanese, just enough to get by," Smith said. "We've learned some of the pronunciations so that we don't sound completely ignorant when we're saying things."

Students will stay with host families for about half the nights of the tour. The group will stay in hotels when they are not staying with families.

"From a cultural standpoint and a financial standpoint, home stays are an absolute must when we travel, whether it be domestically or internationally," Hancock said. "If we're going to really learn the Japanese culture, then somehow we've got to get into the homes."

Hancock said that it has been difficult to find home stays in Japan. It takes many more Japanese households to take students than it usually does in Europe, he said.

"In Japan, where the population is more tightly packed, even out in the rural areas, and the homes are built significantly smaller, many of our kids are going to go one on one or maybe two, but never any more than that," he said.

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Editorial

Blind service trip shows true devotion to others

The academic year is fast rushing to a close. Two weeks from now will be finals, then Tour Week and finally May Term.

Tour Week is a fairly unique opportunity that not a lot of colleges have. For most students, it's like a second winter break, perhaps one that could rightfully be called a spring break. For others, it's a time to share their musical talents with the region, the nation or the world. And for some, Tour Week is a time give back to the larger community.

It's great to know that so many students are willing to give up their Tour Week to perform service. For seniors, this will be one of the last chances they ever have to take an entire week to just goof off, so devoting that time to helping others is very commendable and should be recognized.

There is an abundance of work that still needs to be done on and around the Gulf Coast as well as down the street and in a neighboring state.

The entire concept behind the "blind trip" is both original and well-taken. Who doesn't want to go and do service in Florida or California?

The enthusiasm is understandably less for local service or something in a more frigid climate, but those volunteering to go on the blind trip truly care about serving others in whatever capacity they can wherever they can.

There will never be a shortage of service opportunities available, and Wartburg students should continue to show their devotion to taking them at every opportunity.

The college has a tremendous history of service. Let's honor that history by making a difference in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast; Lauren, Ill.; and wherever the blind service trip may lead.

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Faculty salaries need to be raised

ALAN SIMMER *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

There's this great magazine called "Academe" the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) puts out bimonthly. It deals with a lot of ethical quandaries and general issues at institutions of higher learning.

Every March/April issue, they take a look at all the colleges and universities in the country and compare faculty salaries across the board. And wouldn't you know the library has quite the archive of these babies! The last data is from 2005-06.

AAUP's table includes the average salaries for three levels of professors, the percentage increase in the average salary and a ranking of salaries among similar institutions. A 1 rating is given to those in the top 20 percent, a 2 for those between the 20th and the 40th percentile, and so on.

Let's compare Wartburg with our current benchmarks, our former benchmarks and the list of schools I suggested we use in my last column because we compete with them for students.

The rating for full professors at Wartburg is 3. The average at our benchmarks is 3.25. At our old benchmarks, it's 2.85, and for my list, it's 2.25. The other two positions show similar variations between the lists.

Wartburg ranks seventh on the list of our old benchmarks. We rank fifth on the new list. Illinois Wesleyan, from the old list, has a solid 1 rating, and the highest from our current benchmarks is a 2 for Saint Norbert and Saint John's.

Some of the premier schools in the Midwest, like Carleton, Macalester and Grinnell all scored straight 1s.

I'm certainly not implying that the quality of the faculty at Wartburg is less than stellar.

I just think we need to pay them more.

You know what else I stumbled across? Wartburg has to file what's known as a Form 990 with the IRS every year because it's a nonprofit organization. The idea is that people who donate money (and doesn't that really include students?) are given the chance to see where their dollars are going.

The form includes a list of the top administrators and their compensation. The most recent data available is from 2004-05.

Let's play a little game of "Guess the President's Compensation Package!"

If you said $150,000, keep going. Don't stop at $200,000. Move right on up to $260,688. That's $215,000 in compensation and $45,688 in employee benefit plan contribution.

Now guess the average faculty salary. Don't even bother going near $100,000.

The average faculty member made $54,500 in 2005-06. That's slightly more than a fourth of the president's salary.

That's without factoring in Jack Ohle's raise for 2005-06. I don't know how much it was, but past history suggests it was probably pretty fat. His compensation package went up by 10.77 percent in 2004-05, 7.00 percent the year before and 7.03 the year before that.

The other administrators reported on the form — Edie Waldstein, Ferol Menzel, Lex Smith and David Ostrander — all made more than $119,000 in 2004-05 with raises for that year ranging from 6.43 to 14.71 percent.

The data from the AAUP survey shows increases in total compensation for faculty of 3.9, 7.1 and 3.4 percent annually starting in 2002-03. The faculty raise announced for next year is 3 percent.

However, when inflation is taken into account through a cost of living adjustment, the faculty at Wartburg have actually lost purchasing power four of the last eight years.

That's pitiful. I've asked before if there are plans to give the faculty a real increase in buying power in the future. I've been told we pay the faculty what we can.

Apparently we pay the administration whatever we want.

Faculty pay should express the value we place on them, not represent the leftovers after the rest of the bills have been paid.

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Students should educate selves about political issues and candidates

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I have never claimed, and never will, that I am an expert on politics and the inner workings of the political process.

I do have something else to claim, though. Americans in my generation are far too apathetic about our future. If they weren't, you would see huge voter turnout for our age group and a very different kind of government.

Last summer, I worked on '06 Wartburg graduate Alek Wipperman's campaign for Iowa State Representative. Even though I helped in small and seemingly unimportant ways like writing thank yous, walking in parades and helping at events, I learned a lot about how elections should be run and what I look for in a candidate.

In the fall and winter, I continued my education by covering political happenings for this newspaper. The more people I talked to, the more I realized what a revolution our government needs, and the amazing potential my generation has to start that revolution if only we'd take advantage of it.

Two weeks ago, I attended two events in conjunction with the Engaging Students: First in the Nation project. These discussions refreshed my memory of what a crucial issue politics needs to be in our culture.

I'm not going to preach about the war. I don't need to tell you my views on abortion. And I'm not trying to persuade you to feel the same way I do about homosexual marriage or stem cell research.

I just want to emphasize what a significant difference one person can make by educating him/herself about the issues and the candidates, and by making his or her voice heard.

You would be surprised what a difference you can make in one person's opinion simply by talking about yours. My opinions have changed several times throughout the last year, and will undoubtedly continue to do so. But my values and the people surrounding me have just as much to do with those opinions as the candidates who stand for the same things.

My generation has been inundated with statistics and testimonies from celebrities regarding the power of our vote, but not enough of us have done anything about it.

If you don't believe that your vote will make a difference in your future, you have a lot to learn. Think about it: You're voting for someone who will affect your health care, retirement, job security, safety, finances and freedom. If those issues aren't important to you, I suggest you rethink your priorities. Partying, video games and movies can wait.

I can't help but smile when I think of the tidal wave of change we could start if we all would simply speak out to our peers and turn out at the polls. And if you ever question whether your voice is heard, you're not talking loudly enough.

So shout about it.

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Napping offers college students many health benefits

TARA LEWIN *ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR*

Grab your pillow, blanket and your stuffed animal. Head to your favorite napping spot and get comfortable. There's now proof that catching a few Z's in the afternoon can be beneficial to your health.

Research shows that napping two or three times a week can improve your mood and memory, sharpen your senses, reduce stress, help you lose weight, promote physical well-being and revitalize and refresh your mood. In fact, the benefits of a nap can last up to 10 hours.

Wartburg RN Shelly Cook agrees, adding that "naps are great at any age, but with college students who often stay up late studying or doing other things, a nap is beneficial to get through the whole day."

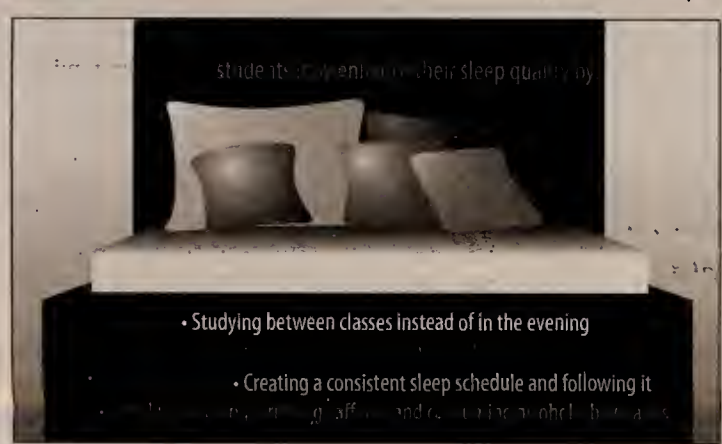
A recent study completed by the Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C., estimates that 50 to 70 million Americans suffer from chronic sleeping disorders that hinder daily function, adversely affecting health. Adverse reactions to chronic sleeping disorders include weight gain, increased risk for depression and heart disease and increased amounts of stress.

A similar study completed by the New York University of Medicine estimates that nearly 90 percent of college students suffer from sleep deprivation. The research suggests for students to sleep at least nine hours each evening, but according to the study, most students only get six to seven hours per night.

"Starting in high school, teens and young adults need more sleep again, and this carries on into the college years," Stephanie Newsom, director of Wartburg's counseling services, said. "Their bodies truly need more sleep, and this is why 7:45 a.m. classes are not biologically ideal for traditional-aged college students."

Roland Ferrie/*Trumpet*

Above, Elvin Verdiyev takes a cat nap in his dorm room in Lohe Hall. It is estimated that more than 70 percent of U.S. college students take naps regularly. Napping two or three times a week. is proven to provide many health benefits. Students can improve their sleep quality by taking the measures listed in the graphic, right.



Graphic by Kate Westergard

College students are sleep-deprived for many reasons. Work, school, relationships and social outings can cause students to push aside sleep to complete more activities. With less sleep, students may have trouble focusing in class, remembering information for tests and solving problems in relationships.

While sleep deprivation is common among students, students may enhance their sleep quality by studying between classes instead of in the evening; avoiding exercise at least two hours before bedtime, creating a consistent sleep schedule and following it; and avoiding smoking, drinking caffeine and consuming alcoholic beverages.

More than 70 percent of college students take naps, and Wartburg students are no different than college students nationwide.

Sarah Olmstead naps for one half-hour each week, usually on Saturday afternoons. Between 2 and 4 p.m. is the most popular time for college students to take naps. Students, like Olmstead, take more naps on the weekends than any other day during the week.

"I'm not a very good nap-taker," she admitted, but said that after taking a nap, she does feel "much more rejuvenated and focused."

Karlee Cooper, on the other hand, naps four times a week in the late afternoon, with her naps usually lasting between one hour and two hours.

"Shorter naps make me feel better, and my two-hour naps seem to do more harm than good," she said. "I just can't seem to force myself out of bed, but by the end of the night, I feel great."

Cook suggests that students should ideally nap for only 15-30 minutes. By only sleeping for 30 minutes, students will find it much easier to wake feeling refreshed and easier to fall asleep at night because their REM cycle isn't compromised.

However, Newsom does caution students when napping on a day-to-day basis. Students who nap a great deal during the day will often have difficulty sleeping at night.

"[Napping frequently] usually causes students to stay up until the early hours of the morning, which makes them feel as if they need a nap the next day," she said. "They may take two or three naps a day which brings them back to not sleeping again. It's a vicious cycle."

Whether you are a fan of naps or feel uncomfortable with taking a "power nap," students should keep in mind that short 15-30 minute naps are healthy for the mind and body and provide an extra jolt of energy to help get through the day.

So curl up and take a nap. It's good for you!

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CDReview ★★★★★

Test Your Reflex creates magic; Modest Mouse fails to "wow"

Test Your Reflex
The Burning Hour

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Although they are a brand new band to the mainstream music scene, this California band has created quite a stir in the music industry.

Taking after pop-punk heavyweights such as U2, The Police and Peter Gabriel, Test Your Reflex takes those influences and puts them onto a post-Killers (Hot Fuss-era) vibe to create something magical.

With hook-filled choruses and catchy rhythms, The Burning Hour has a great deal to offer to any music fan.

With the single "Pieces of the Sun" preceding the album's 2007 debut and rapidly climbing the college radio charts, keep your eyes fixated on this new star.

Listeners can catch both "Pieces of the Sun" and the captivating track "Thinking of You" on KWAR. This album easily snags 4.5 out of 5 stars.

Modest Mouse
We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank

This is the latest release from indie rockers Modest Mouse. On We Were Dead Before the Ship Even Sank, they take a step back to their roots while still trying to keep their major label status.

This record is less likely to "wow" the mainstream culture as "Float On," their last release. Singer Issac Brock still has a young and searching sound in his vocals, and he keeps his lyrics deep and flowing.

It is as if they know how to walk down the less traveled path, but instead chose the more traditional and safe path. With songs like "Dashboard," "Florida" and "Education" ranking as the best tracks of this 14-song disc, one wonders why they didn't try a little harder to "wow" us.

Sadly, Modest Mouse takes 2.5 out of 5 stars for lack of experimentation and loss of a good chunk of their indie edge.

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Wartburg professor's Python textbook used in MIT classrooms

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It is not uncommon for Wartburg College professors to produce research and write books pertaining to their field that get published, but few can say their textbook is being used at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

After two years of writing course notes, creating exercises, finding solutions to the exercises and developing instructor material, John Zelle finished his book "Python Programming: An Introduction to Computer Science."

The computer science professor's book is being used in more than 20 schools in America, including MIT. MIT started using his book a year ago as an alternative to Java for their introductory courses.

"I actually wrote the materials out of necessity," Zelle said. "I wanted to be teaching this curriculum and there weren't any books out there. I thought, well I could do a service for the field and try to promote Python by putting the book out there where other people could use it."

'I thought, well I could do a service for the field...'

Zelle inspired professors at other colleges to write books on Python. Luther College is one of them. Luther used Zelle's book for a year and one of their professors published his own version of Python.

"Python Programming" is just the start for Zelle, who is in the process of writing another book for 200-level computer science majors.

Wartburg started using Python in May 1999 as an alternative to other programming languages. Wartburg was also one of the first colleges to use Python at that time as a central part of the curriculum. Zelle said that languages like Java and C++ were unnecessarily complex for the kind of programming the computer science department wanted to do for beginner-level classes.

"Python allows us to write the same program with a lot less code," Zelle said. "So something in Java that might take 100 lines to do, I can do in 20-30 lines in Python. Because it takes a lot less writing, it means we can do more."

Python allows students to write a computer program more easily compared to other computer languages like Java and C++. Students can create programs such as guessing games like hangman and rock, paper, scissors, or practical programs like calendars.

"Python is relatively easier to learn because it is much more flexible in terms of writing a code," Prateek Shrestha said. He also said Java and C++ requires one to be more careful about writing syntax, which is a written form of any command in programming.

"For example, if you write a comma instead of a semi-colon, the whole program would not work in Java or C++. Python is easier in that regard," he said.

Search engines such as Google, control systems in NASA, applications for the World Wide Web, research laboratories and day-to-day businesses also use Python.

"It's a real world language," Zelle said. "It's very powerful. At the same time, it's a language that is very clear and easy to learn. It seems simpler for students."

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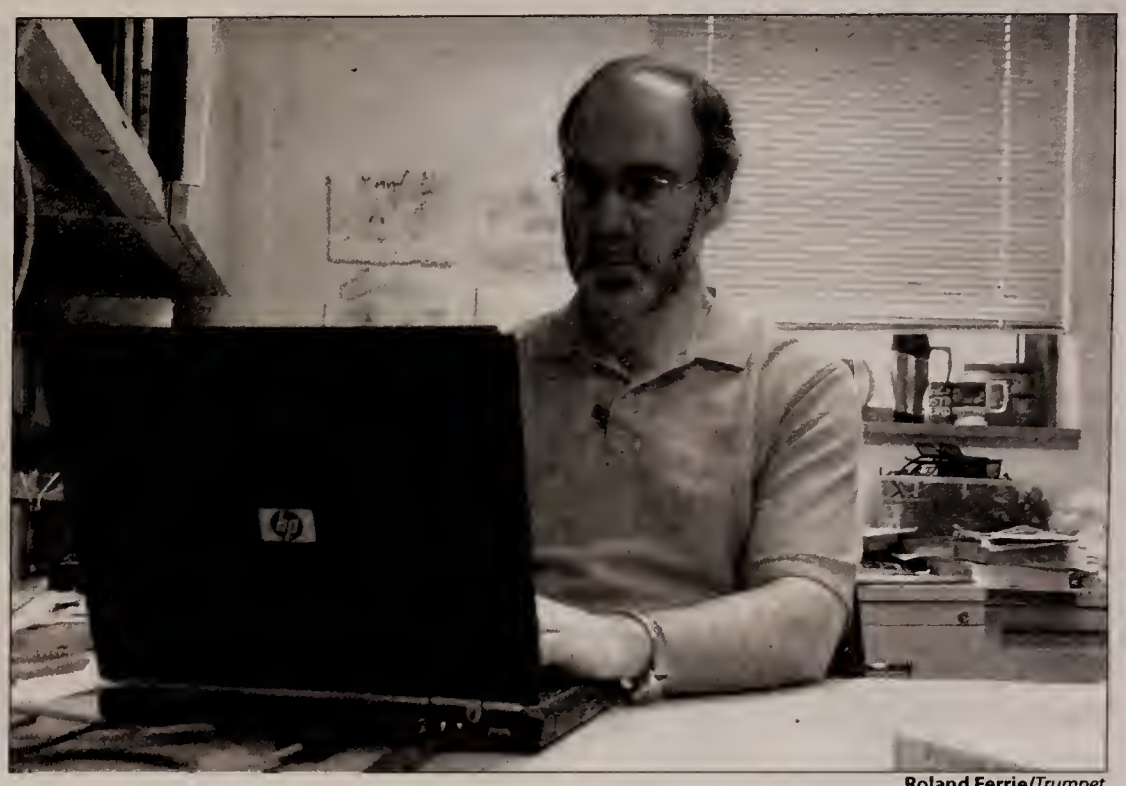

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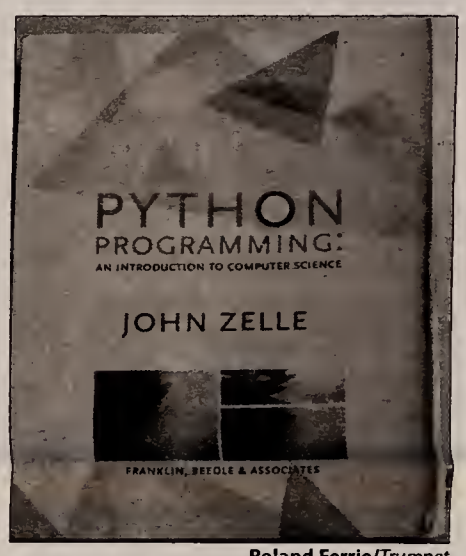
John Zelle, professor of computer science, sits while working at his laptop in the Science Center.



This is the cover of John Zelle's book, which is titled "Python Programming: An Introduction to Computer Science."

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Dining Review: Waverly Applebee's Grill makes noise with flavors and fun

MATT POPOWSKI *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Applebee's Grill is open for business! After months of anticipation, the diner joins Waverly's growing dining options.

During opening week, Applebee's had a very popular lunch and dinner and a bustling weekend crowd.

The Grill is one of five prototypes in the U.S. without a large joint bar and the only one owned by a franchisee. It is designed for a minor market in small communities like Waverly.

The diner's décor provides guests with a taste of the neighborhood, using Waverly-Shell Rock jerseys, sports paraphernalia, photos and event posters plastered near the entrance and on the east wall.

Hawkeye pennants, jerseys and photos, sailing equipment and photos and racing photos round out the other themed walls.

Cozy, wrap-around booths and fairly spacious table seating wind around the outer edges of a small bar. The atmosphere shouts good food, sports and fun. And it's noisy when it gets crowded, which is common just before noon and well into the evening.

The appetizer sampler, enough for 3-4, features flavorful cheese quesadilla grande that pair fabulously with fresh artichoke and spinach dip. The boneless buffalo wings are tender and pleasantly spicy, but the chips and mozzarella sticks are nothing special.

★★★★½

The signature oriental chicken salad and grilled shrimp 'n' spinach salad stand out from the salad menu. The shrimp are grilled to perfection with a slight smoky flavor, while the vinaigrette dressing, bacon pieces and toasted almond slices enhance the shrimp salad's complexity.

The Pick 'n' Pair weekday lunch combos offer 60 different combinations of sandwiches, soups and salads to satisfy your lunch hour appetite, starting at $5.99.

The fiesta lime chicken dish, although drowned in cheese sauces, pleases the palate with a combination of juicy, grilled chicken breast, crisp tortilla strips and pico de gallo. The Southwest rice side is relatively bland.

While the crispy orange chicken bowl deserves recognition, the grilled chicken dishes are second only to Applebee's steaks.

The Bourbon Street steak is a steak lover's paradise: a bold, cajun-seasoned 10 oz. cut blanketed in sautéed onions and mushrooms. As with the juicy house sirloin, New York strip and other sizzling steaks, all are served with grilled asparagus and delightful garlic mashed potatoes.

A dining experience at Applebee's isn't complete without treating yourself to a sensational dessert. The sizzling apple pie rivals grandma's homemade version, while the maple butter Blondie and blue ribbon brownie, both lusciously paired with ice cream and rich syrup toppings, offer a blissful finish.

In contrast, a small menu of Weight Watchers selections is available for the calorie-conscious diner, while a kid's menu caters to families.

Applebee's drink menu offers it all, with its popular specialty drinks topping the list.

The Bahama Mama is a stronger concoction that is sweet with a pleasantly tangy finish. The long island iced tea is mixed with subtle fruit juices and a milder kick than usual. The tantalizing mudslides are great any time.

Service can be fairly unorganized now, especially during rush hour, but the friendly and attentive wait staff can be expected to progress.

Though the tab for a party can add up with appetizers, drinks and desserts, Applebee's entrée menu is affordable.

Whether you're having a light lunch or a dinner feast, you'll dine well for your value at this appetizing neighborhood grill. It dishes up 4.5 out of 5 stars.

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World Briefs

North Carolina police officers killed

Two police officers shot during a struggle with a suspect outside an apartment complex died early Sunday. Sean Clark, 34, and Jeffrey Shelton, 35, responded to a disturbance call at an apartment complex in Charlotte late Saturday. They were shot in the parking lot, and both died at a nearby hospital. Neither officer fired his weapon.

Israel invites Arab leaders to conference

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert invited Arab leaders to a regional peace conference in hopes for an exchange of views regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict. Olmert said each side would bring its own demands with neither side dictating terms.

Pope celebrates Palm Sunday, anniversary of John Paul II's death

Pope Benedict XVI celebrated Palm Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square, dedicating the Church's most solemn week of the year to the young people. Holy Week this year also includes the second anniversary of the April 2, 2005, death of Pope John Paul II. Also this week, the Catholic Church will close phase one of its investigation into John Paul's saintliness as it keeps momentum to have the pope beatified.

Argentina floods claim seven lives

Rising rivers in three rain-soaked provinces have forced 38,000 people to flee from their homes and floodwaters have claimed seven lives. The Sante Fe province in Argentina's northeast remained the hardest-hit, with about 30,000 evacuees.

Craig Warga/*MCT News*

Artist Cosimo Cavallaro displays his new work, "A Chocolate Jesus," at the Ranieri Sculpture Casting Company in Queens, N.Y.

Catholics outraged at chocolate sculpture

NICOLE LYN PESCE
& GINA SALAMONE *MCT NEWS*

A controversial artist outraged city Catholics Friday with plans to display a nude 6-foot chocolate Jesus during Holy Week. The exhibition was canceled.

Cosimo Cavallaro's anatomically correct candy Christ, titled "My Sweet Lord," was made from almost 200 pounds of dark chocolate. The sculpture was to be displayed in a street-level window at the Roger Smith Hotel's Lab Gallery starting Monday.

The hotel canceled the exhibition on Friday and the gallery's director, Matt Semler, resigned.

"It's an all-out war on Christianity," fumed Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights. "They wouldn't show a depiction of Martin Luther King Jr. with genitals exposed on Martin Luther King Day, and they wouldn't show Muhammed depicted this way during Ramadan. It's always Christians, and the timing is deliberate."

Cavallaro, who is best known for slathering both a Hell's Kitchen hotel room and model Twiggy with melted cheese, insisted the timing was purely coincidental.

"The choice of Easter was that there was availability in the gallery now," he said.

Cavallaro said he crafted his first chocolate Christ in 2005, but a series of events, including the death of Pope John Paul II, kept it from being displayed.

Dominick Bria, a Connecticut resident visiting St. Patrick's Cathedral Friday, bristled at the concept. "It's disgusting," he said. "Whoever is doing it is really sick."

Maria Localio, 45, agreed. "It doesn't take into account the religious sensitivities of other people," she said.

Others said they didn't mind the sculptor's choice of material but were offended by the nudity.

"He's not wearing any clothes at all," said Debbie Charan, 40. "Why would they want to do something like that?"

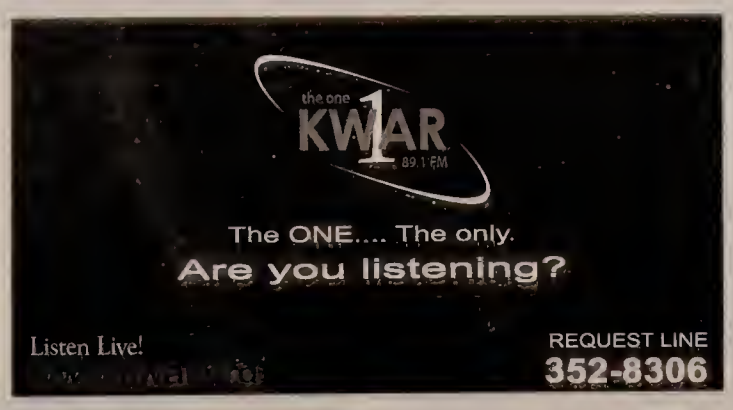
Cavallaro had an answer. "The whole thing of putting on the loincloth, I find it ridiculous," he said. "There's nothing to hide. There's nothing shameful about this."

The sculpture was to be suspended 18 inches above a cross chalked onto the floor. The scene was to be unveiled nightly through Easter Sunday.

But after a flurry of phone calls and e-mails by religious and secular groups slamming the display as "hate speech," the display was canceled.

"I don't think any of us expected a public response like the one that Bill Donohue gave," said Semler, founder and creative director of The Lab. "I'm not sure what the best move is right now. It's not hate speech, this sculpture. The only hate speech I've seen today has come from Bill Donohue's desk."

Cavallaro, an Italian immigrant who was raised a Catholic, insisted he's not looking to offend anyone. "This person is talking from a very narrow window," he said of Donohue. "They're not allowing themselves to open their hearts. . . . If it makes them feel better, I'll ask for their forgiveness and do 10 Hail Marys, but they should just lighten up and be more accepting of people."



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Track qualifies six women provisionally for national meet

Middle distance events and 400 lead women; men look to qualify first events for the national meet

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Hommer, finishing 11th in the 1,500 in 4:04.04. Hommer also finished 19th in the 800 (2:00.86).

"In the 1,500, I started out a little fast, but I was able to hang on for a personal best," Hommer said. "By the 800, I was tired, but I ended up running faster than I thought I would."

Scott Tjeerdsma placed 15th in the 400 hurdles (56.15), and also finished 26th in the 110 hurdles (15.63), an event in which teammate Russell Harris placed 20th in a time of 15.50.

Also competing at Missouri, Mike Dana finished 16th in the triple jump (13.90).

At the Viking Relays hosted by Augustana College (Ill.), Joel Rasmussen won the 3,000 steeplechase, running 9:59.9, and Anna Kraayenbrink finished third in the 1,500 (4:50.80).

Friday and Saturday, the Knights will be at home for the second time this year, competing in a national caliber meet, the Wartburg Select.

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Knights undefeated in IIAC

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and struck out three.

The Knights had the aluminum ringing in game two of the doubleheader. Wartburg connected for 18 hits, scoring at least one run in every inning as they downed the Duhawks 19-3 to complete their weekend sweep.

Danny Broiher led the Knights' hitting clinic in game two, going 3 for 4, including a homerun and five RBIs.

"We played really good baseball. We played three college games without any errors," Holst said. "From an offensive standpoint, we put some pretty big numbers up."

The Knights carry a 6-0 record in IIAC action and are the team to beat as they play for their 11th consecutive Iowa Conference title.

"This is an exciting start for us in the conference and we're hoping we can improve and get a lot better," Holst said.

Wartburg carries a 14-6 overall record into Tuesday's non-conference match-up with Gustavus Adolphus.

The Knights will resume IIAC play as they host Simpson in a three game series Friday and Saturday at Hertel Field. Friday's game is scheduled for 6 p.m. and Saturday's doubleheader is scheduled for a 1 p.m. start.

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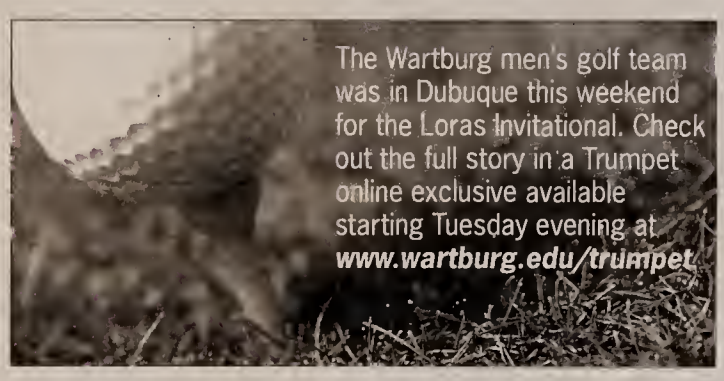

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Tennis struggles during stretch

Coe sweeps Knights; Carleton and Grinnell notch easy wins

ANDREW NOSTVICK *STAFF WRITER*

The Wartburg College men's tennis team struggled in Cedar Rapids during the weekend where they went 0-3 in a two-day stretch.

Pat Mullen

Grinnell downed Wartburg 7-2 Sunday night. Mitch Eslick and Tom Koenen earned the only victories on the day for the team in their individual matches.

The Knights lost to the No. 15-regionally ranked Kohawks of Coe College 9-0 in their match against the Iowa Conference foe Saturday.

Ryan Yao of Coe, ranked No. 9, defeated Wartburg's No. 1 player Eslick 6-0, 6-2. No. 5 Greg Janssen of Coe defeated Pat Mullen 6-2, 6-2 and at the No. 6 spot Sam Zerbib of Coe defeated Abhi Nadipuran 6-1, 6-1. The Knights failed to score wins in their other singles matches and lost the three doubles matches to the Kohawks.

Eslick led the Wartburg squad against Carleton College (Minn.) winning his match 2-6, 6-2, 10-8. Eslick's performance wasn't enough to boost the Knights, as his win was the only one on the day.

Wartburg fell to the No. 10-regionally ranked Carleton Knights 8-1.

The Knights will be in action again Tuesday when they square off against Loras as part of a weather-related make-up match postponed last Saturday.

The Knights will face Luther College at noon and the University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse at 3 p.m. Friday in Decorah.

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Possible coaches surfacing everywhere; Peth has the credentials

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to rival the women's team. Last week he told Barta that he's not interested and will stay a Volunteer.

One name I read about as a possibility was Chris Lowery from Southern Illinois. Of course, that's strike two, as Lowery recently agreed to a seven-year extension worth $750,000 a year.

Mike McConathy is a surprise candidate that hasn't been talked about much. He's coached Northwestern State for the past eight seasons. He, unlike other candidates, told the Associated Press that he applied for the Iowa job. Iowa fans should remember Northwestern State — they prematurely ended the Hawks' 2006 season on a last-second shot in the NCAA tournament.

Up until this weekend, it looked as if Rick Majerus was going to don the Black and Gold. Of course, telling reporters that "I'm not going to Iowa, thank you very much," doesn't give me confidence he'll take up the offer of lifetime burritos from Pancheros if he was to coach Iowa. Oops, strike three.

Other names that have surfaced are Ernie Kent from Oregon and Dana Altman of Creighton. Of course, Kent shouldn't leave Oregon anytime soon. Altman, on the other hand, should be announced as the new head coach for Arkansas. Either of these coaches could have two million reasons to come to Iowa, but it doesn't appear they will.

Here's a name I'm going to throw out there: Dick Peth. As a future Wartburg alum, I would hate to see a coach of Peth's caliber leave, but he has the credentials. He has coached at a Div. II school. He has played for Hall of Fame coach Lute Olson while at Iowa. He has played on a Big Ten championship team. He has the experience and the personality to lead Iowa.

My guess is Iowa will pull out something strange. I would be willing to bet the next head coach will be someone few have heard of, and even less have confidence in.

A name I really like is Steve Lavin. He is currently working as an announcer for ESPN. In seven years at UCLA, Lavin had a career record of 145-78 and took his teams to the Sweet 16 five times in six years. This is definitely something from left field, and in my personal opinion, he should be on the sideline as a coach, not as a commentator.

For Barta and the rest of the search committee, this is becoming a long process, and the longer it takes, the more speculation that will surround Iowa City. It seems Iowa is at the bottom of their list, and may be close to making another list. Barta was hired in August, and this hire may very well decide on how long he will stay in this position.

No matter who patrols the sidelines next year, the bottom line is Alford is in a different time zone, and Iowa finally has a chance to rebuild.

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Baseball vs. Simpson Friday and Saturday at home 6 p.m., 1 p.m.
Softball vs. Cornell Wednesday at Mt. Vernon 4 p.m.
Track at Warburg Select Fri. and Sat. Walston-Hoover Stadium
Tennis vs. Luther and UW-La Crosse at Decorah noon, 3 p.m.

Knights win three

MAC SLAVIN *STAFF WRITER*

The No. 28-ranked Wartburg Knights baseball team used a big seventh inning in the first of their three games against Loras to set the tone for a second consecutive conference series sweep.

Kyle Jones hit his third homerun of the year in the 11-run seventh inning. The three-run homer helped the Knights win 12-1.

Loras scored the first run of the night, but the Knights rebounded with 12 unanswered runs. Mike Johnson added to the seventh inning punishment of the Duhawks with two doubles, two RBIs and scored twice in the top half of the seventh.

Jones finished the night 4 for 5 with four RBI's and two runs scored. Ryan Grant and Ryan Johnson finished batting 5 for 5 and 3 for 3, respectively. Grant also added two runs for the Knights.

Billy Schmitt threw a complete game on the mound for Knights in the victory as he gave up three hits, one run, zero walks and struck out four Duhawk hitters. Schmitt moved to 3-1 on the year with the win.

"Whenever you can get a complete game, that's not going to stretch your staff as much," Head Coach Joel Holst said.

After the taking the night victory Friday, the Knights hoped to turn around and continue their winning ways against the Duhawks. Due to inclement weather Saturday, the doubleheader was moved to Sunday.

Wartburg took the first half of the afternoon session in a 5-0 shutout behind the pitching of now 3-0 Aaron Saeugling. Saeugling threw another complete game for the Knights as he gave up only five hits, two walks

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Intramurals kick off

Flag football, soccer and other sports begin

Luke Shanno/*TRUMPET*

Wartburg students participate in Sunday night flag football games at Walston-Hoover Stadium.

JOSH DOCKUM *STAFF WRITER*

The softball and baseball teams aren't the only ones hitting the field for spring athletics.

Outdoor intramurals are underway on the Wartburg campus and are providing students an opportunity to compete against other students, while maintaining a little physical conditioning on the side.

The main goals of intramurals are to get people involved and make sure they are having a good time.

Despite the fun nature of the intramural activities, many teams are very competitive during the events. Nick Janiczek and his flag football team take intramural competition seriously.

"We usually have a strategy," Janiczek said. "We get out there early and warm-up and talk about our opponent."

Students can participate in seven vs. seven soccer, flag football, sand volleyball and softball. Later on this spring, students will have opportunities to compete in disc golf, golf and other events.

Soccer and football started the week of March 12 and will run through April 11. The games are played every Sunday and Wednesday evening in the stadium, and rosters are limited to 12 players per team.

The flag football and soccer leagues originally were planning to expand into black and orange leagues based on experience in the sport. The orange league would have consisted of teams that had one or more members of the Wartburg football or soccer teams. The black division originally consisted of teams that had no members of the Wartburg football or soccer teams included on them.

Due to lack of participation, the orange and black divisions for soccer and flag football have been combined for the regular season.

Janiczek had hopes of playing in the league championship at one time, but after playing a few games has changed his mind.

"We started off pretty serious, but then lost some games and saw the competition we were facing," Janiczek said.

Sand volleyball began Monday and runs through May 20. Sand volleyball matches will be played every Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evening on the courts behind the Manors. There will be men's, women's and co-ed leagues with an eight-player maximum roster.

Co-ed softball will be played every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoon during May Term at the Waverly Softball Complex.

Sam Huey is looking forward to participating in softball during May Term.

"My experience with intramurals has been amazing," Huey said. "It's a way to meet new people, hang out with friends and still be able to be competitive and be part of a team."

For information about spring intramurals or to sign up, e-mail intramural@wartburg.edu. Make sure to include the sport, team name, captain's name, e-mail address, cell phone number and names of all team members.

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FROM THE BULLPEN

U of I job in question after Alford leaves town

AARON HAGEN *ASSOCIATE EDITOR*

The moment most Iowa basketball fans were waiting for finally happened. Steve Alford was announced as the new head coach for New Mexico on March 23, leaving a coaching vacancy for the Hawks.

This is a great opportunity for both sides. Alford has the opportunity to leave without being fired, and is still a Div. I coach, which some may argue is too generous. Iowa gets a chance to find the right coach and rebuild a once glorious program.

The question now for athletic director Gary Barta is who wants the job. Lets face it, the Iowa job is not one of the best jobs out there. Michigan and Arkansas are in the process of finding a coach, and arguably the best position available is at Kentucky. Granted, this would come with great pressure, but also with great rewards. Reports have been made that Kentucky offered Florida coach Billy Donovan a million-dollar raise to be their next coach. But while Donovan's team is playing for the national championship, mum's been the word.

In all honesty, Iowa is not going to get a Final Four-caliber coach right now. Granted, the Hawks have some good players returning, but this is a team that didn't make the postseason. This is a team that finished 17-14 and was embarrassed in the Big Ten tournament.

Barta announced his search committee last week, and he will need it. I will concede the fact that they don't want to rush into anything, but it seems Iowa has been striking out lately.

The first strike was with Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl. Pearl was an assistant at Iowa from 1986 until 1992 when he left for Southern Indiana. He is now building a program at Tennessee

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Track team earns provisional qualifiers at Missouri

ADAM HARRINGA *ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR*

Prior to this weekend, the women's track and field team had yet to make the provisional or automatic qualifying list for the national track meet. After competing in the Missouri Relays and at Augustana (Ill.) Friday and Saturday, they now have five on the national provisional list.

Leading the way for the women were the middle distances at Missouri, with Heidi Porter and Hannah Baker running provisional times in the 800-meter and 400-meter run, respectively. Porter finished second in the 800 in 2:12.27 and Baker was ninth in the 400 in 56.93.

Jennifer Kuiken turned in Wartburg's lone event title at Missouri, winning the unseeded 1500 in 4:52.90. Also competing, Wartburg alum Missy Buttry finished third in the seeded 1500 (4:33.65), running for Reebok.

In the 10,000, Emily VanOosbree ran a provisional time of 37:30.77, in her first 10k of her career.

"I wasn't sure what to expect," VanOosbree said. "There was a pack I could stay with that pushed me to a good time."

In the 100 hurdles, Lucy Joseph ran a season's best, finishing 13th and provisionally qualifying in 14.91. Also making the provisional list was Jessica Bates in the hammer throw. Her toss of 46.04 meters placed 15th. In the 400 hurdles, Kelsey Steffens placed ninth in 1:06.66.

Leading the way for the men was Jacob

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WEEKLY SCORES

Baseball	Softball	Men's Tennis	Outdoor Track
def. Loras 12-1, 5-0, 19-3 6-0 (IIAC); 14-6 (Overall)	Postponed 15-2 (Overall)	def. by Coe, Carleton 9-0; 8-1 def. by Grinell 7-2 1-2 (IIAC); 3-7 (Overall)	6 provisional women's qualifiers